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Halas to be repaired

by Vicky Ojeda

Next year, women will hopefully be able to live in Halas once again. According to Skip Shannon, current plans are being processed through the insurance company. If the insurance company approves, reconstruction will begin in early April. Smoke damaged areas will be scraped, painted, primed and cleaned. All damaged furniture will be cleaned or replaced, and damaged rooms will be rebuilt, replacing floors, walls and ceilings as necessary.

Construction is expected to take approximately eight weeks. Approximate cost will be over \$250,000 by the time everything is done. "Insurance coverage allows us to restore Halas to it's original condition before the fire," said President Shannon.

Students are happy to know that next year they will be able to live in Halas once again. Junior Raquel Lopez who lived in Justin for the first semester then moved to Halas second semester commented, "I prefer Halas. You would have to live there to understand. There is more spirit there. We are a big family. However, I don't mind being back in Justin. I used to live here earlier in the year so it hasn't been too hard for me to adjust, because I knew the people here."

Freshman Jenny Emeritz said, "Next year I will definitely live in Halas Hall again. It is home. Here in Justin we feel like we are intruding. Everything ours was in Halas. This room does not feel like my room. On Halas second floor we were like a big family."

Berger receives fellowship from ACE

Dean of Freshman to leave Saint Joseph's College next year

by Jonathan Bringewatt

A familiar face will be missing at Saint Joseph's College next year. Dr. Allen Berger, Dean of Freshman and Assistant Vice President of Academic Affairs, will be spending next year at another college through the American Council on Education (ACE). Berger has been at Saint Joseph's College since 1979.

Berger was recently awarded a fellowship by the Council which will enable him to sharpen his leadership skill through various workshops and seminars. In addition, he will be mentored by a college president or dean. In conjunction with the Center for Leadership Development, Berger will be "spending a year at another college working closely with the President and learning about higher education."

Candidates for the fellowship, awarded annually, are nominated by their college presidents or deans. The Council is "looking for people who have demonstrated a capacity for leadership, who are interested in careers in academic admini-

stration, and who might become academic deans or presidents with additional training," Berger said.

Dr. Shannon and Dr. Parker, president and dean of Saint Joseph's College respectively, both were American Council on Higher Education Fellows before taking their positions at the College. Berger mentioned that in talking with former fellows, including Mary Margaret Smith, a former professor at Saint Joseph's College, he became extremely interested in the fellowship. These individuals "described it as a life changing experience. It was their enthusiasm and Skip's willingness to nominate me that led me to apply," said Berger.

Although Berger is not yet sure where he will be going next year, he is actively shopping around and looking at a range of liberal arts colleges. He will be visiting several institutions before making a final decision. Also, his decision must match up with the decision of the institution's president or dean.

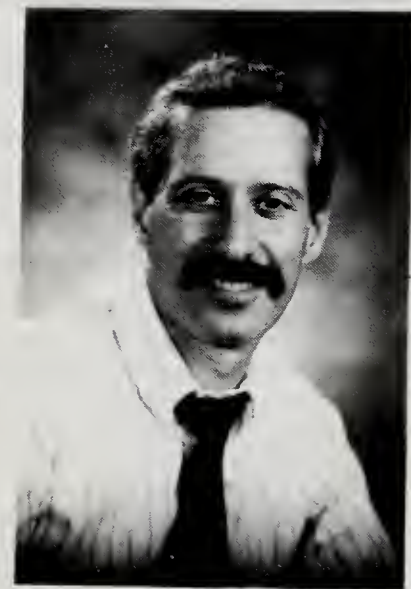
Berger seemed enthusiastic about next year commenting,

"This is my chance to decide if I really want to be a dean or college president. This is my opportunity to decide what I want to be when I grow up."

One requirement of all fellows is that they return to their home institutions for at least one year, so Berger will return to Saint Joseph's College. "I look forward to coming back to Saint Joe's in 1995. I don't know what my responsibilities will be, but I look forward to discussing all of the possibilities with Dr. Parker and Dr. Shannon," commented Berger.

Berger's family, wife Becky and two children, will be going with him next year. Berger mentioned that they have decided to "turn the fellowship into an adventure for the whole family." Becky, who has taught kindergarten for twelve years will be taking a leave of absence.

The kids are also very excited because "they think it's been terribly abusive to raise



Dr. Berger will be leaving SJC next year as an ACE Fellow.

them in Rensselaer, Indiana. They want a place that at least has a movie theater," laughed Berger.

Several professors to climb the ladder

Faculty reviewed for tenure positions and promotions

by Krisie Kimerer

Six members of the faculty at Saint Joseph's College are being reviewed for tenure and/or promotions. "Many people associate tenure with job security which is not the case. Tenure can be seen as an academic freedom or the ability to freely pursue their discipline without external pressure," states Dr. Bernard Parker, Vice President for Academic Af-

fairs. Tenure is officially defined in the Saint Joseph's College Faculty Handbook as "continuous appointment and therefore employment which may be terminated only under the conditions covered."

Those being reviewed for tenure are Peter Watkins (Political Science), Anton Salinski (Psychology), Alexandra Hall (Psy-

chology), Gary Potts (Computer Science), Brian Simmons (Communication), and Jerry Garrett (Education). Hall may also be promoted to associate professor along with Susan Chattin (Humanities) who may be promoted to assistant professor.

The decision making process on which faculty members receive tenure and promotions

is initiated within the Academic Cabinet. The Academic Cabinet reviews all of the faculty who are eligible or apply for tenure and/or promotions and make recommendations to the Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. Parker. Dr. Parker then submits his selections to the President, Dr. Albert J. Shannon who (continued on page 3)



Drinking: the good, the bad, the responsibility

The following information and statistics were compiled and shared at a conference on Nov. 11, 1993 at Southern Illinois University in Carbondale. The report is titled, "Alcohol and Drugs on American College Campuses" and is dated 1991.

As the Little 500 quickly approaches, I am reminded of an anniversary of sorts. It's not necessarily an anniversary that I am proud of. It was Little 5 weekend of my freshman year that I drank my first alcoholic beverage.

I didn't drink in high school and I almost made it through my entire first year of college without a drink.

I did it out of revenge, actually. I was given an ultimatum of sorts ("It's OK for me...but if you drink, the relationship is over!") It may as well have been a Triple Dog Dare---I almost HAD to drink.

The irony is that drinking had always been so forbidden and yet, it was such a nice, light-headed, spinning, pleasant feeling. I decided that there wasn't anything wrong with drinking a little now or then.

I have always kept my partying limited and my consumption of alcohol even more limited. Drinking to me is a novelty of sorts---fun to do now and then but there are limits and things that take priority over getting a buzz.

True, Saint Joseph's College is a "dry" campus and I am underage, but why let a few little rules or laws get in the way?

The truth is that alcohol is becoming a problem at Saint Joseph's College, colleges and universities across the country and in society.

There are people who just don't know when to stop. There are people who take drinking seriously and replace studying with drinking from a silver barrel in an ice-filled garbage can hidden in the closet.

The question is: What are we here for---an education or dorm party with a \$15,000 price tag?

Students across the country are battling with the same question; although many of the students continue heavy drinking while they search for the answer.

Yearly, 430 million gallons of alcohol are consumed in the U.S. That is enough liquid to fill an Olympic-sized swimming pool on every college campus. (Campus Development Note: Imagine having a pool!?!?)

Over four billion cans of beer are consumed yearly. If stacked end to end, the cans would reach over 70,000 miles past the moon. (Environmental Note: Imagine if all these cans were recycled!)

Schools the size of Saint Joseph's College have the worst drinking record. In-

stitutions with under 2500 students averaged 7.5 drinks per student per week. Compare that figure to schools with 20,000 or more students and their consumption of "only" 4.3 drinks per student per week.

Averaging almost 10 drinks weekly can be expensive. Students spend approximately \$5.5 billion on alcohol yearly which is moderate considering society spends \$86 billion for all drug and alcohol related offenses, incidents and problems.

That \$86 billion goes to rehab centers, fixing the things that a drunk broke or destroyed and prosecuting people for their drug and alcohol offenses. That is quite a hefty price tag for a feeling of light-headedness and the possibility of not remembering anything the next morning.

Speaking of not remembering, 28 percent of the 58,000 students surveyed noted an experience of memory loss. One-third of the students missed class because of drinking the night before. Sixty three percent reported hangovers and 39.3 percent later regretted their actions while intoxicated.

It is amazing that almost 40 percent of the students regretted their actions later. Alcohol has a way of forcing people to do things they normally would not do. For example, 80 percent of all campus vandalism is alcohol-related. Thirty five percent of suicides occur after drinking.

Alcohol also affects academic performance. It makes since that the heaviest drinkers obtain the lowest grades. A student in the survey who reported a D or F grade point average drank 10.87 drinks or more weekly. A student with a C average consumed 6.77 drinks. A student with a B averaged 4.95 drinks and a student with an A average consumed 3.45 drinks or less weekly.

Of the students surveyed, only 15 percent were non-drinkers.

There isn't anything wrong with drinking on a social level as long as drinking is kept in moderation. A wise friend once told me, "If you can keep the GPA and still drink and party, there is no reason to stop drinking and partying." However, when drinking interferes with daily activities or when it clouds the true purpose of being a college student (read: academics, career, future), then it is time to re-evaluate.

Drinking with friends can be fun---as long as the rules are followed and no one gets hurt. We need to look out for one another.

It all goes back to that responsibility-thing. You know the song and dance---"Know when to say when" and have one for me.

--jml

Off-campus fund raisers to benefit Halas Hall

The true spirit of giving and love is evident in light of a campus tragedy.

Students at the University of Notre Dame have begun to organize fund raising activities to help the women of Halas Hall.

Cheryl Lehner, upon hearing about the residence hall fire that occurred late last month, has organized efforts on the South Bend campus to help students here at Saint Joseph's College.

Her dorm is in the process of contributing \$200 toward the Halas Relief Fund. Cheryl is encouraging other women's housing units at Notre Dame to do the same.

Notre Dame alumni in the Chicago and Washington, D.C. areas are also being contacted by Cheryl about fund raising activities concerning the fire in Halas Hall.

Students at the University of Iowa in Ames, IA are also organizing fund raising events among the female residents of its campus to donate to the Halas Relief Fund.

In another off-campus fund raising effort, the Newman Club, a Catholic organization, donated its profits from a recent retreat to the Halas Relief Fund.

At the Newman event, students from around the state gathered for a weekend of so-

cializing. Upon hearing about Saint Joseph's College's loss, the organization decided to donate its proceeds to the Fund.

It is encouraging to see students from across the midwest working together to help others they do not even know.

While the fire damage in Halas Hall was much less than it could have been, there is still a sense of the willingness to give and to help.

As a Saint Joseph's College student, it makes me feel proud to know that there are people out there who care and are willing to help however they can.

The students of Notre Dame and the University of Iowa, as well as the Newman organization, decided on their own to donate and help. Brett Byers, Student Association president, said, "Cheryl just called me out of the blue and asked if she could help."

Saint Joseph's College is very fortunate. We are fortunate that no one was hurt in the fire. We are fortunate that the damage is reversible. We are fortunate to have friends around the country who are willing to give their love and money to help rebuild and repair a building they may have never seen before.

--jml



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Campus and SA rally to support Halas fire victims

by Klaudia Janek

Efforts that are being put together by the Saint Joseph's community, following the Halas fire, have been exceptional. The Student Association (SA) has been the leader in putting together several relief efforts. Efforts started Friday, Mar. 18, when Brett Byers, SA President along with Kurt Krouse, Vice-President and Chairman of the Halas Relief Coordination Committee, immediately started organizing efforts. "I was impressed with the way that everyone worked together the night of the fire. The Saint Joseph's Community really came together at a time of need," observed Justin resident, Rachel Mahns.

Monday, Mar. 28, SA held a Halas Relief Fund Meeting at which fund raising activities were discussed. The meeting was open to Halas residents, Saint Joseph's community, and all dorm representatives and senators were asked to be present. Aside from the sparse at-

tendance of Halas women and male dorm senators and representatives, the meeting was quite successful because it discussed a lot of important ideas and goals.

The purpose of these fund raisers is to help the women of Halas financially. There are several people that are uninsured and there might also be some Halas residents that won't be compensated for some of their lost property. For now, the activities discussed at the meeting will only be campus fund raisers. When an exact financial report is complete, SA will take its fund raising efforts to the rest of the Saint Joseph's community. "From the need we develop goals," said Bill Maniscalco, Vice-President of Student Affairs.

The first fund raising event taking place on campus will be Apr. 14, the day many students have agreed to give up their cafe numbers. Following that, Core XI will sponsor a Halas Relief Night where some money from

each drink will be donated to Halas residents. We may also expect to see some student relief efforts on campus.

As of now, there are still a lot of undetermined factors regarding the effects of the Halas fire but the combined efforts of many has made things easier. Many efforts have been put forth to help Halas residents cope with their losses. SA helped established an Information Hot-line, helped out with books and class notes and they have been accepting donations for their relief fund.

The Science Department made their labs available for cleaning purposes with Science Club members giving their time to help clean students' belongings. These and many other efforts have made things easier for Halas Residents. "The amount of enthusiasm, cooperation, and community spirit is astounding. Such an effort as this is testament to the true character of the entire College community. Keep up the good work!" said Krouse.



Halas Hall, once pristine, was damaged in last month's fire.



The women of Halas have survived the fire of '94 with help from the entire SJC community.

Faculty members promoted

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will advise the Board. The final step rests with the Board who will make the official decision. As of yet, the Board has not officially granted tenure to the faculty members, but are anticipated to at the upcoming meeting to be held on April 15, 1994.

Faculty members are classified as an instructor, assistant professor, associate professor, and professor according to scholastic attainment and years of experience. An instructor must have a master's degree and after two years of full-time teaching experience will be eligible for a promotion to assistant professor. After an additional four years of teaching and course work for a doctorate (in certain fields) is initiated, candidacy for assistant professor will be considered. In order to attain the title of professor, the faculty member must have an earned doctorate and completed six years as an associate professor among other qualifications.

Eligibility requirements vary according to the level of experience and education upon entry to Saint Joseph's College. Faculty who are to receive tenure must submit a portfolio of their qualifications which will be analyzed. The portfolio includes information concerning self-assessment, teaching abilities and methods, student evaluations, professional development, such as works that have been published, and community service. According to Dr. Parker, teaching ability is the most important aspect to take into consideration during the decision making process.

Announcements of the faculty who received tenure and promotion will be given at the Annual Honors and Awards Dinner to be held on April 19 at 6 pm.



My Turn

by J. W. Sacco

I, in my oh-so-sick mind, found many things on campus that bother me and should bother you. Some of it involves the dorms, some of it involves some administrative things and others are just non-sense that I found to be bothersome. I hope you can agree with me on these things and that you find them just as ridiculous or upsetting as I did.

First off, while reading the "Halas Newsletter" I found an area marked "Fact or Fiction?" and I read it. One of the facts was that the firehose in Halas did work...and the other.....well, this other one made me practically sick. It involved asbestos, you know that cancer causing insulator that is illegal in many states. Well, it said that "to the best of their knowledge" the power plant knew of no asbestos in Halas. I laughed hysterically...if there is a cancer causing material in my dorm, the power plant better know for darn sure whether or not it's in the building. Let's just say for arguments sake that "to the best of their knowledge" that there is asbestos in Halas, doesn't that possibly mean that there could be asbestos in the other dorms could possibly have this lovable insulator in their dorm?

I don't know when the last time you were in Noll or Bennett was but on first floor of those two dorms there is a pipe that runs across the ceiling of each room. Some of the lucky students (including myself) have the luxury of two pipes streaking across our room like a copper shooting star. Have you seen these pipes? The paint is cracking and there are splits in the insulation. Now if there is asbestos...I'm sorry...if "to the best of my knowledge" there is asbestos insulator in this pipe, every time there is any sort of vibration in my room tiny dust particles will shoot into the air and enter my body, via breathing. I don't need any cancer causing agents in my body at this point in my life.

Well, hey "to the best of my knowledge" I think the school should help those who pay 15 thousand dollars a year to keep it open and find out for sure....that means yes or no. Not "to the best of their knowledge." I think they at least owe us that.

Hey, have you heard about the change in the grading scale? Uh...no...well, I didn't until someone on staff told me about it. We will now be going to the plus and minus system (ie. A+, B-, C+) and guess what.... it never went through Student Senate like it should have. Well, I suppose that the way things go these days but I think a change in the grading scale...something that will affect students and only students...warrants some sort of student input somewhere. And when I say that, I don't mean a token student who because of his position, is on every board. I mean a real student who wouldn't be afraid to say what he really thinks. Now if we could only find such a student, well maybe that was just a dream. (Hint: Look at the by-line of this article.)

Student input is good and is very important in college, especially when it comes to things that will severely affect students. Oh, well, I guess that too is just a dream.

Don't these two things upset you...they should and you have the God-given right to do something about them and you should. How about everyone voice their disgust and tell a friend about what is going on and let's all get something done. All Student Association meetings are open to the public and you can sit in the gallery and see what "gets done" and you can say something.

This article is the opinion of one James William Adam Sacco and not that of STUFF.

Antique collecting with Capouch

by Billy Dawn Schurttter

"I collect old vehicles. In fact, I collect just about anything old," said Brian Capouch, Saint Joseph's College Computer Science Professor. Capouch's latest "old" item on his list is his 1946 Firetruck which he found last summer and will be bringing home in May. Capouch also has a 1955 Studebaker (which he used as his every day vehicle for two years), a 1962 Oldsmobile and a 1958 Chevy dump truck.

Capouch says he saw an ad for the firetruck in the paper last summer and he went to see it and it was in beautiful condition. He said the woman who owned it kinda liked him so they were able to work out a deal where she would keep it in her building while he paid it off.

Capouch has many items he collects. He says he goes to auctions where he feels that dealers are not likely to attend and sometimes can pick up great buys.

Some of his specialties are old books and old kitchen equipment like egg beaters, butter molds, and old ice cream makers (he has five or six of those).

Capouch said that he was going to have to get rid of some of the vehicles because his yard is starting to resemble a salvage yard and his neighbors aren't too happy so he might have to discontinue this hobby. Capouch says the dump truck works perfectly but needs a windshield wiper and it has a flat tire.

Capouch's book collection has come in quite handy at Saint Joseph's College. Last winter he bought about 50 copies of Harper magazines from the 1850's and is now using these books in his Core 2 class because they are studying that era. Each student took a volume home to study and wrote about one of the articles. Capouch said "it's kind of funny because the articles are incredibly racist and sexist compared to what you read now a days. We took for granted racism and sexism back in the 1800's, it really looks bad today."

Capouch lives outside of Monon in a huge, old (of course) house that was built in the late 1870's. He says he has become more realistic about this dream but he used to want nothing but old things in his house.

Capouch wanted to do everything just like it was done in the 40's and 50's. Everything from having old furniture in his house to farming his five acres using his old farm equipment and even hauling things to town in his old truck. He says that takes an incredible amount of tinkering and as things get old, they wear out even if they are not used.

Seals on motors dry out and things start leaking so using the vehicle actually is better for them but when you start using them. However, when you find that windshield wipers need replacing and brakes need repairing and finally you get an endless amount of time invested in replacing these items.

Capouch also has a soil

"I collect just about anything that is old"

sampling business that keeps him busy during the summer months. In addition to this hobby (he says he doesn't make much money from any of his ventures), he is also a "brewer". Capouch can brew 50 gallons of beer at a time. He knows a woman who owns a hobs farm and she sends him the starts. He also has a malting place in his brewery.

This is Capouch's fifth anniversary in his brewery hobby. He also has a yeast bank where he has 25 different kinds of yeast. He purchased this equipment at an auction so that someday he can make yeast for small brewing companies.

Capouch also has another secret love....cooking. Capouch says he has a whole array of kitchen equipment that has come out of restaurants and someday he would like to own his own restaurant.

"Actually, I am thinking of opening a restaurant for a while this summer," said Capouch. He has a partner in Francesville who is working on this project with him. They are thinking of doing a guest stint maybe on Saturday nights where they would cook a Saturday night

meal. Everything would be from scratch. He would combine having breakfast based on traditional things like coffee, cakes and rolls. He would also like to try a daily ethnic special that would focus on that sort of special. He says he has done this for many of his friends and he really enjoys it. He loves cooking for friends then just sitting around and enjoying each other's fellowship.

Capouch says he started most all of his hobbies for the learning experience. He says he spends enough money on his hobbies that he has a lot invested in them but he does not get anything back from it except the education and satisfaction.

Capouch says, "I look at myself as pretty much a life time student anyway."

Capouch is a "local boy" and came to Saint Joseph's in 1982. He says it was sort of a "serendipity type thing." There was a one person computer science person here at that point. This person was a grad student from Purdue and was here from Yugoslavia. Their government had aid to send him here to get an education so he could return to their company to teach. He decided to fool them and not go back.

However, someone in his family got sick and he returned to his country that summer. Once he got there, he could not get back out of the country. All summer he tried to come back to Saint Joseph's, but on Aug. 15, he called the Dean of Saint Joseph's to tell him he wasn't going to make it back to teach.

Exit guy from Yugoslavia...enter Brian Capouch. Capouch was brought in on a part time teaching arrangement and when Bruce Matthews came to the College, Capouch was able to begin teaching full time. Capouch says his love is teaching.

Next Issue:

Billy writes about other exciting neat stuff that you'll want to read about. Keep your eyes peeled.



How to prepare for Little Five

A freshman's guide

by J.W. Sacco

It is slowly on it's way and most of us can't wait for it. Those freshman have only heard about it, but we, the veterans, have experienced it. It's Little Five Weekend and it's only a few weeks away. And I, in my infinite wisdom, knowledge and kindness, am giving the freshman ten ways that they could prepare themselves for this thing we call....Little Five Hundred.

10) Don't worry... parents and alumni don't always stagger like that. It's just that during this special weekend they indulge in...in...weird ways to walk.

9) Thanks to the Alumni Board and other inner administration workings of our College, dorms have been asked not to have cookouts. Why? Well let me tell you. We will charge less than the beer and brat tent and we can't have that now can we. So please don't have any cookouts.

8) Ask mom and dad for some "Bean-no". For those of you who has no idea what "Bean-no" is I'll tell you. It is a liquid that you put on food or beverages that will give you gas and

other fun bodily functions....this "Bean-no" will stop all of that. (Or so they say.) A must have for little five weekend.

7) Helpful Hint: Yell every time the cars go flying by the area you are standing at. Not only does this encourage the drivers on...it also makes it look like you have some sense left in you. Plus this is all everybody else does.

6) Have tons of sunscreen. All you will be doing is standing outside watching a race. With a hot sun beating down on your soft and silky skin it would help to have some form of protection. Of course there is a chance that it may snow with the way this spring has been going.

5) Kiss some major butt to alumni. These are the people who will be hiring you in a few years and the earlier the start...the better. Just remember...the quickest way to an alumni's business is through the beer and brat tent.

4) Hang dumb signs out your window. Favorites are ... "I like Fast Cars and Fast Women." "You've seen

the Little 500 now come to my room and see the even littler 5." And finally, "(Your favorite dorm here) drinks (your favorite alcoholic beverage here).

3) Hang a dumb friend out the window. Have him yell stuff like, "I love SJC" or "Bring it back to (your favorite dorm here)."

2) Have your parents bring your baseball glove down...there are three fun thing to do over this weekend. Watch the race...play softball (12 inch) and...

1) Be prepared for the time of your life. And enjoy...plus if you are lucky you'll have three more of these to go. Well some of you may.

Well you freshman types better appreciate this article because I didn't go through all this work for nothing. Do you see anyone else on this staff caring for you as much as I do.

Take Potts for example, he would rather make fun of me than care for you.

Oh, well, you kids have fun on Little Five weekend and if you see me walking around and being social...don't say hi.

I mean come on...your....freshman. Just kidding.

Halas Relief Fund

The Student Senate has passed the following resolution on Tuesday, March 28, 1994 regarding fundraising activities for the Halas Relief Fund:

Goal- To assist those individuals who are 1) uninsured (six known cases) and 2) underinsured (several known cases).

1. Close the cafeteria for Halas- meal exchange program for students.

2. Letter to all women Alumni from Saint Joseph's College.

3. Letter to Contact Magazine.

4. Letter to Mrs. McCasky (George Halas' daughter).

5 Letter to Faculty

6. Halas Newsletter- goes to all parents.

7. WPUM 24-hour marathon-- pledges from area businesses (pending)

8. Core XI Halas Relief Night -Wednesday, March 30, 1994 in Core XI- Faculty and administration is invited.

9. Letter to parents council.

10. SJC Organizations and departments call for donations.

All campus fundraising activities have been activated. All off-campus fundraising will be on hold until a firm financial goal is established.

Student teachers prepare for the 'real world'

by Virginia Evans

"Being a student teacher is a lot like being in high school again. The only difference is this time you are on the other side of the desk," stated John Wright. Wright is a senior Physical Education (PE) major and student teacher at Tri-County Junior/Senior High School.

"It is a great experience to have going into the teaching profession. It is required in the education curriculum here at Saint Joseph's, and without this program here or anywhere else in the state, the curriculum for people in the education department would not be as strong," states Wright.

Wright also says, "One interesting thing that I have come across thus far about student teaching is how intrigued students are by college life. Many of them have asked me questions about the life style, what we do for fun, what are the pros and cons etc.... A lot of times I feel that this is good because this means the students are expressing an interest in furthering their education, which may make them better students in my high school classes which in turn makes my job easier."

"Being a student teacher is actually fun, yet it is very time consuming, especially with trying to play softball at the same time," states Nicole Crispo, a senior PE major and student teacher at Rensselaer Central High School.

Crispo states, "I always seem to be rushed and I don't have much time to spend with my friends."

Crispo also claims, "The reason I chose to teach was because of how much I enjoy playing sports and the fun I had in my own PE classes. I believe that everyone needs to learn at an early age the importance of maintaining their health."

"My long term goals include teaching physical education and coaching varsity basketball in a small high school setting somewhere in southern Indiana or Kentucky," states Wright.

Crispo states, "The one thing I want to do most is find a coaching position at a school or at a park district. I have had my share of good and bad coaches and I feel that I can share my knowledge of softball and basketball with them. I don't want anyone to go through what I did with those bad coaches, and teachers for that matter."

Pumas pick perfect time to be on a roll

The Saint Joseph's College baseball team will host a pair of conference doubleheaders this weekend, as Southern Indiana and Kentucky Wesleyan travel to Rensselaer for what senior Brett LaBine calls critical games.

"We'd like to sweep this weekend and put Southern Indiana with six losses," said LaBine. "There's a tough race for the conference tourney spots right now and the games this weekend could be critical in determining those spots."

The Pumas are currently in third place in the GLVC behind Lewis University and Northern Kentucky. Southern Indiana, a favorite in the conference, dropped four conference games last weekend, surprising many and opening the doors for the conference tournament.

"Southern won the conference last year and was a big obstacle for us this year," said LaBine. "Them losing four games to teams we have already beaten shows how any team can win at any time. At this point, we control our own destiny."

According to senior Sonny London, the Pumas are on a bit of a roll, winning three of four conference games last weekend and also beating Big Ten Purdue

University earlier that week.

"We're finally realizing that we have a great shot at winning the conference," said London. "We're not quite playing at our full potential, but we're making great strides towards achieving our team goals."

In the first games of the weekend, the Pumas split with Bellarmine College, 12-2 and 9-5. On Saturday, the Pumas got 27 hits in each game, with season high 26-4 and 30-3 scores.

Senior John Buday lead the Puma attack, going 7-8 with two homeruns on the day. Sophomore Larry Glozier also added seven hits and a home run, and sophomore John Fitzgibbon contributed with eight hits on the day.

The Pumas got strong pitching from freshman Marc Macias and junior Brian Mish, as well as from junior Reid Hensley who pitched nine complete innings for the win against Bellarmine.

In earlier action, the Pumas hosted the Purdue Boilermakers and racked up five runs on 11 hits, holding the Big Ten school to only two runs. LaBine had a solo home run and freshman Chad Cook had three hits, including an RBI triple in the fourth inning to put the Pumas



IT MADE IT BY THIS MUCH! Sophomore Bob Bowser (center) shows teammates Brett Weaver (left) and Anwar Muhammad (right) how far senior John Buday's Home run made it over the fence, as he leads the team back to the dugout after greeting Buday at home plate. The Pumas won the doubleheader against Ferris State, 6-5 and 9-0.

up 2-0.

Senior Mark Ciesielski pitched nine innings for the win, and was backed up with solid defense, which committed only

one error in the win.

The Pumas continue their season next week with a pair of road trips Monday and Tuesday against Illinois Tech and Bra-

dley University and a home game Thursday against Wisconsin Parkside. Currently the Pumas are 20-7 over-all and 7-3 in conference play.

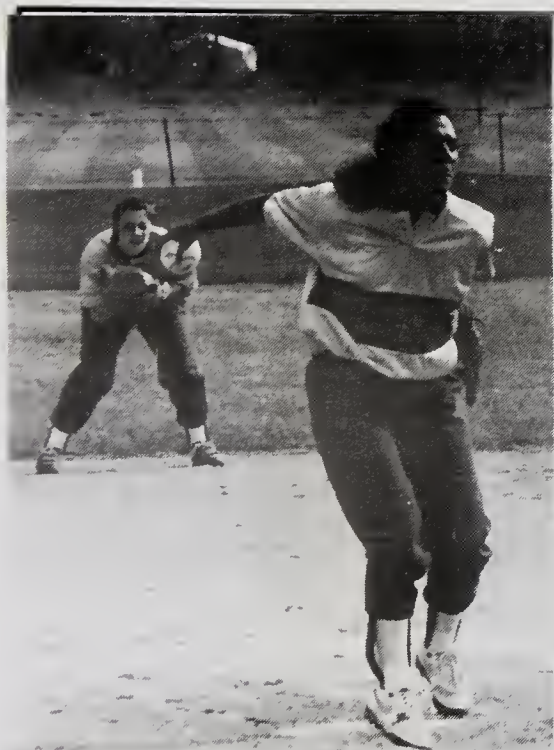


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INTO THE WIND-UP, sophomore Liz Olivencia prepares to throw a pitch in a recent softball game. The Pumas are currently 4-9 and 2-1 in the GLVC.

Errors: Softball team rearranges error prone line-up for fresh start

by Brian DiPaolo

The Saint Joseph's College softball team will play Olivet University this Saturday in hopes of improving their 4-9 record.

Though their record is not where they want it to be, senior Nicole Crispo says they are headed in the right direction.

"We've made a few line-up changes that will hopefully help us out a lot," she said. "The players are really trying their hardest to get used to their new positions and once that happens things should start improving."

According to Crispo, many of those changes will come on the defensive end, where a lot of errors have been made.

"Errors," she said. "We've made a lot of errors and given away a lot of games. This really brought us down at first, but we've stayed behind each other and are improving in our new positions."

The Lady Pumas recently played five games at the Quincy Tournament over Easter weekend. On Friday, the Lady Pumas were defeated by Peru State from Nebraska by a score of 2-1. Michelle Heilman (0-3) was the losing pitcher; however, Heilman did have a triple which scored the Lady Pumas' only run. Freshman Terra Schafer went 2 for 3 and scored on Heilman's triple.

Culver Stockton from Missouri beat the Lady

Pumas by a score of 4-2 in the second game of the day. Freshman Jill Ogger (1-2) was the losing pitcher. Sophomore Dantell Figlio had a triple and a RBI in the game.

In the third game, Lindenwood from Missouri beat the Pumas by a score of 9-0. Sophomore Elizabeth Olivencia (2-3) was the losing pitcher in that game.

The Lady Pumas are 4-9 overall; they are 2-1 in the Great Lakes Valley Conference. The softball team battles Grand Valley State today at 3:00; on Saturday the team travels to Kankakee, IL to play Olivet Nazarene.

Some scores you did not know



Saint Francis	1-7
Saint Francis	5-0
Kankakee Comm. College	1-7
Kankakee Comm. College	4-6
Ashland	3-8
Kentucky Wesleyan	7-4
Southern Indiana	0-12
Grace College	5-6
Grace College	2-7
Peru State	2-1
Culver Stockton	4-2
Lindenwood	9-0

Tennis competitive in all spots

by Brian DiPaolo

"This is the first season in a long time that the team is competitive in our top six spots," stated men's tennis coach John Barrientos in response to the playing ability of this year's team.

The Pumas triumphed over Saint Francis of Illinois by a score of 9-0. They also battled against Wabash College (5-4), IUPU-Fort Wayne (4-5), Southern Indiana (0-9), and Anderson (9-0).

With a win for their first match, Barrientos stated, "The first game of the season always seems to go well when you win it. It was a great to see all of the players play with confidence and put out 110%."

Senior Mike Slys added, "We played really good for our first match. We did well as a team, especially with doubles."

Barrientos also stated his pleasure with the playing styles of Darren Haas, Jude Clover, and Jon Chovanec, the three Freshmen on the team, "I was pleasantly surprised by the way they handled themselves for their first collegiate match. Sure they were jittery, but they did just great."

Barrientos noted that the team has some areas which are in need of improvement.

"We need to work on our volleys. That's an area we intend on practicing much more than we have in the past," he said.

Slys added, "We need to work on our foot work so that we don't mess up on our volleys. For some people it's just a habit to stand in the middle of the court, so we need to work on that to avoid any



TAKE THAT! Freshman Darren Haas hits a backhand to his opponent in a recent match. Photo by Cortez Gosa

mistakes."

Freshman Jude Clover stated, "I hope to do some improving over the next few games. I think that if I work on my weakness; namely my volleying and my serving, then I'll be able to be more competitive in my games."

Thus far the team is 0-2 in the GLVC. Barrientos noted that the conference schools are usually some of the toughest competition.

"The schools that were good last year are going to be good again this year," stated Barrientos. "We are going to need to be consistent with our serving and work on the weak areas if we expect to win those games."

The Pumas battle against Kentucky State and the University of Indianapolis on Saturday here at SJC starting at 8:00 am.

On Monday the team goes to Indianapolis to play IUPU-Indianapolis.

Skip outwits Ski in poker contest

Luck no match for skill as the President bluffs way to victory

I CHALLENGE SKI
by Mark Ciesielski



If I remember correctly, it all started when this school sponsored a casino night in the ballroom. There were all types of casino games present: black jack, roulette, horse racing, and even dice. It was all foreign to me. I had never gambled before and didn't know how to play many games.

It just so happened that our very own President, Albert Shannon, was working this night in the ballroom, as a dealer at the dice table. I think he had to have seen how bad a gambler I was, because he offered me the challenge that night.

Close to three months later, I finally took him up on the challenge. I'd like to say that I used the time to practice my poker game, but the truth is I was stalling. Why? Umm, I can't play the game.

But being the sport that I am, I showed up in the School Board's conference room at least acting like I knew how to play.

Skip entered the room with a great deal of confidence, sporting a sun visor and real gambler arm garters. He sat down, went over the rules, some of the different types of poker games, and even a few strategy techniques I could use. He prepared me as well as he could.

Skip said he simply loves to play cards. He has been playing for years and has been able to pick up numerous cheat...er, bluffing techniques that can fool even Kenny Rogers. He claims poker is a game that takes both skill and luck, but the more skill you have, the less luck you will need.

His confidence was so high that he actually told me what to look for when he was making bets. "I might have a pair of two's, but I'll make you think I have a full house with my bets," he said. Mind games? Hey, maybe poker isn't so bad!

Each of us started out with 50 chips of \$1 value each. The game was 7 card Stud, and appropriately enough, we had Josh Hauser with us to be the dealer. (?) First person to lose all his chips was the loser.

The first two games came as a big surprise. With a pair of Aces showing on the



HEY! LOOK AT THAT! President Skip Shannon tries to get Ski to look another way, probably to sneak a card out of his sleeve. Actually, he's making sure he gets all the chips in his Poker Challenge victory.

table, Skip dropped out of game one and game two. Just like that, I had won two games and about 13 chips.

But as quickly as my luck started, it ended abruptly. A bluff here, a full house here, a 30 chip pot lost. After only five games, I was down to my last few chips. In the last game, Skip made me bet my limit and beat me with a pair of Jacks. I was out of chips, and Skip had a smile on his face. I would later find out that all but two hands were bluffs made to seem like they were winners.

I could blame the loss on Hauser's dealing, or the fact that we played 7 card Stud instead of 5 card Draw, but I won't. I will give credit where it is due. Skip Shannon: a mastermind at bluffing and an ace at the poker table.

Massoels' wake up call gets teams back on right track

by Brian DiPaolo

"The will to win means nothing, without the will to prepare!" Head coach Bill Massoels and his team have been living this golden rule with each stride, jump, or throw. The men's and women's track teams have now participated in four outdoor meets: the Wabash Relays, Butler, the Indianapolis Invitational, and the Manchester Invitational. The men's team now has a record of 3-4 and the women are 3-5.

"We are doing well. We have improved since the first relay meet, which was unscored.

Laura Witk qualified in the 5000 meters. Our downfall was the Butler/Taylor meet. We ran like junior high kids lacking in effort, but it served as a wake-up call."

"After knowing my disappointment in the meet, the team realized that it has the rest of the season to redeem itself," commented Massoels on the first few meets.

"However, the Indy meet was a tremendous performance coming off such a terrible meet, and we even had bad weather. In the Saturday meet against Manchester, I would have to say

that both the men and the women performed their personal best. The men took third place and the women settled for fourth place, finishing only one point behind the third place women's team. It was just a great meet," added Massoels on the season so far.

According to the coach, the teams are not yet at the peak of their seasons.

"It's like climbing a mountain, starting from the ground up. While in training, the teams are still fatigued, but we are starting to back down a little in practices so they can be fresh in

the competitive meets. It all depends on the training philosophies that get us through the season. We're now leveling off so we can peak again for championships," said Massoels.

Massoels and the teams have overcome some shortcomings, but overall, they are performing as expected. "The teams have either hit or exceeded their goal times that I gave them. They are fatigued but are still running well. I'm proud of them," said the coach.

"The team has a common rally call. They have a common goal, which is to prove they are a

good team. These kids have the team unity needed to do just that," Massoels said. He added, "The team unity has been enhanced by our captains, and they need some credit."

Men's captains Craig Fee, Chris Fitzgerald, and Chris York and women's captains Lisa Musser, Jen Seberger, Lisa Perez, and Tracy Matuga have all helped keep the teams in an upbeat mood and ready to work."

The men's and women's track teams will travel to Olivet on Tuesday, April 5th, and to the Taylor Invitational on Saturday, April 9th.



Spend Your Spring Outdoors

by Greg Potts

At long last it seems our winter of discontent (which saw too much damn snowfall) is over. The trees are bursting forth with beautiful buds.

The grass is green and the sun has returned. "The Back Page" would like to see everyone put away their winter coats and boots and get outside to enjoy the sun.

Spring is a special time. The school year is finally coming to an end and finals are approaching. The gala of the "Little 500" is coming.

And we will say "so long dusty old dust" to the Seniors.

With the time change and longer days, we understand the difficulty of filling your daylight hours with activities.

Because we know no one here likes to study (or ever does, for that matter), "The Back Page" provides you these the top ten ways to fill your spring days.

10. Wander around for hours

and enjoy the fresh air. (As some of you may have noticed the air here smells a little like manure. As the old local saying goes, "There is nothing like the smell of Indiana in the morning. It smells like @!*\$.")

9. Pick a random person and be completely hostile toward them.

8. Sneak out to the sewage ponds and look for frogs and other amphibians.

Catch as many as you can and set them loose in the fountain in front of Halleck.

This will cause genetic drift in the species and future generations will become far fit than their parents.

We at STUFF are always concerned with ecology.

7. Pick your favorite Peanuts character and dance around campus like him or her.

6. Play in mud puddles. "In just spring when the world is mud luscious wonderful."

5. Dig out that winter coat you just put away. Spring around here teases you, one day it is sixty-five the next thirty-five. BEWARE OF FALLING MERCURY!!

4. In the words of Ben Franklin, "Go fly a kite." But remember to keep it out of the power lines, there is no need to rediscover the "shocking" powers of electricity again.

3. Skinny dip with the gold fish in the reflecting pond. Sacco says it feel great when they nibble on your...

2. Go to the soccer field on a warm night with the one you love at look at the stars. Careful not to catch chiggers.

1. Practice tornado drills. You know everyone has a partner and huddles up. For added variety we suggest having a coed naked tornado drill. M.O.M. please note that was COED drill.

"The Back Page" hopes you find fun filled activities to fill you spring day.

Turning 21 doesn't alleviate life's responsibilities

—'What is special about turning 21?'—

by Greg Potts

I thought this would be a good time to write about myself. Why? Because I can and it takes up some space on the page. More importantly than any of the above is the fact that today I turned 21. So happy birthday to me...happy birthday to me...happy birthday dear Greg...happy birthday to me.

For many people their 21st birthday is a special day because for the first time it is legal to consume alcohol. Saint Joe's has taken some of the fun out of turning 21.

Here, where alcoholism is a way of life, and going to the bar is like a trip to the bathroom (for Pumas of all ages) turning 21 is honored with drunken bashes. What is special about turning 21? Now I can't be charged for minor consumption.

By most accounts, this should be the happiest day of my life but it is not. I had five papers, due this week, plus stories for STUFF, plus the ordinary reading and

what-not for classes. So, after a long week filled with late nights and early mornings, turning 21 hardly seems much fun.

I am not disappointed. Birthdays always have a way of taking a turn for the worse. Once, when I was younger (around the age of eight), my mom planned a birthday party for me. In those days, having a killer birthday party, was like having a killer "kegger."

I had this big birthday bash planned. There would be cake and ice cream...the pre-teen intoxicants.

But better than the cake and ice cream, there would be games...dodge ball, basketball, and other games. We would have the chance to prove our manhood outside on the grass.

Insert one big problem: six inches of snow fell on April 4. I had three days to rethink the events of my party. The cake and ice cream would still prove entertaining but those are to be expected.

I needed something extra special to prove I was a man. I could not come up with a single idea. Oh, sure, I could have snowball fights but they are too common. Building snow men is for girls and there are no hills in Northwest Indiana to sled on.

It looked like my birthday party would crash to earth like the Hindenberg. To the rescue...my mother. She rented the school gym. Something no one had ever done before. How cool! We could play full court basketball.

Our mothers can save the day when we are eight but they can not when you are 21. There is no way my mother could have saved this birthday from the nightmare of academic life. I think I will take some time out and reflect on my life this birthday over a Wagon Master and a beer at "Benny's."

Thanks for reading my little tangent and if you see me in the bar, buy me a drink—I could use one. See ya in the "Little 500" issue!

Faculty Flashback Photo



This faculty member is one of the few women faculty members at Saint Joseph's and she is a member of the Sociology Department.

Now It's My Turn

by Candace McGroarty

When I was home over Easter break, I sat down with my mother and watched a videotape of this year's presentation of The Academy Awards. Since I am a fan of the movie *Philadelphia*, I was deeply moved by Tom Hanks' acceptance speech.

I found myself tearing as he thanked those that were important to him, and as he stated "God Bless America." While I was enjoying this experience, my brother who had entered the room nonchalantly said "I am so sick of hearing about AIDS!"

My mother and I stared at him with disbelief. I could not believe those words could come out of his mouth. Well, little brother, to be honest with you, we cannot afford to stop talking about AIDS.

AIDS is no longer a "gay man's disease," it is everyone's disease and it is everyone's problem. AIDS is spreading at such a rapid pace, that soon everyone will know someone with AIDS.

Currently AIDS cases are mounting the fastest among women and children. We can

never stop talking about AIDS until people stop contracting the disease. We can't stop talking about it because AIDS is one of the few diseases we know how to avoid.

Interestingly enough, as much as society knows how not to contract the disease, new cases spring up everyday. New cases spring up everyday because like every other societal problem, we must continue to use education to change negative and indifferent attitudes about the disease.

Not only can we never stop talking about AIDS, but we can never stop talking about other sexually transmitted diseases that if not detected can cause cancer and other serious ailments to their victims.

Discussion of these diseases may lead to behavior modification and may save lives. Prevention through education is our only hope at stopping this horrific epidemic.

Whether we are gay, straight, male, female, black, white, etc, AIDS is everybody's problem. We are all in this together if we are to continue to flourish as a society. So never stop talking!

The Quote of the Week

"April is the cruellest month."

T.S. Eliot